

## PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

**IN PERSON** – in the multi-purpose room

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Option to watch and type questions from home on Zoom:

Zoom Meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/mr4ze47c>

Meeting ID: 663 6219 6358

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### PAC Executive

Taryn Hayes (TH), Co-Chair; Sara Hyde (SH), Co-Chair; Sara Osenton (SO), Vice-Chair; Julie Cole (JC), Treasurer; Tiffany Muller Myrdhal (TM), Caitlin Adam (CA), Co-Secretary; Megan Atkinson (MA), Co-Secretary

### School Representatives

Hugh Blackman (HB), Temporary Principal

Aaron Singh (AS), Vice Principal; Hugh Blackman (HB), Temporary Principal

### Additional Speakers

Alyshia Burak (AB) - City of Vancouver, School Streets

Rachelle Woodman (RW) from the AOWG

ITEM	LEAD	TIME
1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions	SH	6:33-6:35
2. Additions and Approval of Agenda  Moved (Tiffany) Seconded (Mike)	TH	6:35-6:36
3. School Streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● intro to program (slide deck is available to <a href="#">download here</a>)</li><li>● this year there will be 8 schools in the program (up from 5 last year)</li><li>● 80-84% of our students commute to school by active travel (walking, rolling etc) - above the average for Vancouver (~65%)</li><li>● no community neighbours wrote to the city to complain, however parent volunteers did experience some negative interactions or impacts with/to neighbours</li><li>● City will conduct door-knocking to poll residents before and after the program</li><li>● Plan for 2023:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Four weeks of Lord Nelson school streets, May 8th to June 2nd</li></ul></li></ul>	AB	6:36-7:01

- this year Kitchener St will be the school street
- moving to Kitchener for a more impactful change to traffic, easier for daycare parents who use Garden to p/u d/o toddlers
- play streets will happen again
- Signage will be installed again - new this year, signage will go up on all the parking signs (to notify those drivers who may not be affiliated with the school)
- Training for volunteers will be video/online this year instead of in-person
- To volunteer - please contact [lordnelsonpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordnelsonpac@gmail.com)
- Volunteering is a lovely experience, no traffic management skills required 😊
- What if I need to drive to school? Consider doing "Drive to Five" - which is parking about 2 blocks away and walking the last 5 minutes to school
- Comments from the group:
  - consider garbage pick up and grass mowing

#### 4. Treasurer Report

JC

7:01-7:04



**Year-to-Date Financials**  
**September 1 - February 22, 2023**

	Q1	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23 (to date)	YTD	Budget
<b>Fundraising</b>						
Fall Movie Night	1,642.98	-	-	-	1,642.98	1,250.00
Spring Movie Night	-	-	-	-	-	1,250.00
Purdys Fundraiser	-	-	2,195.42	219.54	2,414.96	3,000.00
Sun-Oka Apples	2,852.00	-	-	-	2,852.00	2,000.00
Hot Lunch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foodie Kids	4,971.65	(2,141.08)	1,432.38	902.45	5,165.40	-
Pizza Day	-	-	-	390.05	390.05	-
White Spot	612.28	-	577.72	-	1,190.00	-
Hot Lunch Donations	274.00	-	313.00	40.00	627.00	-
Miscellaneous	(533.08)	-	-	-	(533.08)	-
Hot Lunch Totals	5,324.85	(2,141.08)	2,323.10	1,332.50	6,839.37	2,000.00
Prepayments	-	2,195.45	930.72	(1,394.55)	1,731.62	-
Spring Fair	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
Donald's Gift Cards	1,672.50	-	-	-	1,672.50	2,600.00
Card Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
BC Gaming Grant	9,260.00	-	-	-	9,260.00	9,000.00
Mabel's Labels	58.24	-	-	-	58.24	-
Miscellaneous Donations	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	-
<b>Fundraising Totals</b>	<b>20,810.57</b>	<b>54.37</b>	<b>5,449.24</b>	<b>257.49</b>	<b>26,471.67</b>	<b>21,600.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Student Events	-	-	181.24	-	181.24	3,800.00
School/Teacher/Staff Support	1,318.68	580.13	239.82	670.74	2,809.37	8,375.00
PAC Admin	859.18	69.68	32.69	14.75	976.30	1,225.00
Gardening Club	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parent Events	500.80	-	-	-	500.80	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	1,200.00
AOWG	48.85	-	66.02	-	114.87	1,000.00
Student/ Parent Education	-	-	626.79	-	626.79	4,000.00
Community Support	-	250.00	-	1,000.00	1,250.00	2,000.00
Additional Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turf for Soccer Pitch	-	-	-	-	-	41,582.50
Indoor Spend	-	-	-	5,411.61	5,411.61	11,587.00
Additional Expenses Totals	-	-	-	5,411.61	5,411.61	53,169.50
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,727.51</b>	<b>899.81</b>	<b>1,146.56</b>	<b>7,097.10</b>	<b>11,870.98</b>	<b>74,769.50</b>
<b>Totals (Fundraising less Expenditures)</b>	<b>18,083.06</b>	<b>(845.44)</b>	<b>4,302.68</b>	<b>(6,839.61)</b>	<b>14,600.69</b>	<b>(53,169.50)</b>

<p>Purdys Fudraiser  We received an additional \$219.54 from Purdys.</p> <p>Hot Lunch Programs  The hot lunch program continues to be very popular and a very successful fundraiser for the PAC.</p> <p>Gardening Club  The West Coast Seeds fundraiser made approximately \$800.</p> <p>Miscellaneous Donations  The PAC received a donation from a community member.</p> <p>School/Teacher/Staff Support  10 staff members have taken advantage of the stipend to date (\$4,527.64 is available to spend).</p> <p>PAC Admin  The purchase of snacks for the meeting, childminding and bank transaction fees.</p> <p>Community Support  The PAC gave \$1,000 to support the Britannia PAC.</p> <p>Indoor Spend  The school has begun purchasing items from their wishlist. This includes things like iPad keyboards, headphones, and electronic whistles.</p> <p>Purdys Spring chocolate fundraiser - so far almost \$400</p>		
<p>5. Track repairs and turf installation</p> <p>VSBC has conducted some short-term maintenance, blown all the rocks off the track. However this won't last long, so a longer term solution is required. Maintenance and damage repairs costs are the responsibility of the VSBC. Hugh cautions that it takes some time to resolve issues with playgrounds - administration suggests the PAC assists with communication with VSBC to help accelerate this.</p>	TH	7:04-7:09
<p>6. Spirit Wear</p> <p>AVAILABLE NOW!  An email has been sent out to the PAC email list with access to the shopping site and a link will be added to the PAC website as well. A second email will come from the school just in case you missed the PAC email.  Note - this is not a fundraiser for the school or PAC - items are selling for cost.</p>	CA	7:09-7:12
<p>7. DPAC update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unlearning Ableism - video available on the DPAC website</li> <li>● Key concerns across VSBC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● lack of support workers</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>DPAC is recruiting for working groups, current</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Health &amp; Safety - ventilation focus</li> </ul> <p>DPAC hosted talk tomorrow on the topic of Food Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This presentation was recorded and will be available on the <a href="#">DPAC website</a></li> </ul>	TM	7:12-7:16
<p>8. AOWG Update</p>	RW	7:16-7:18

<p>February is Black History Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Speaker came in for a classroom talk, also a parent talk was held (about 30 pp attended)</li> <li>● Kids reported some topics - learning about microaggressions, some classes sang songs</li> <li>● Table in lobby set up with BHM information</li> </ul>		
<p>9. Britannia PAC Donation from Nelson PAC</p> <p>Motion from last meeting to provide some Nelson PAC funds to help offset the losses experienced over the past years. Brit PAC is looking to upgrade their playground. This PAC does not fundraise from their parent community, so Nelson PAC has offered for Brit representatives to come and do some fundraising at any of our events here.</p> <p>Playgrounds are funded by PACs and not VSB - result is inequitable provision of playgrounds across the city. This contribution to Brit PAC is a small way to help even this out.</p>	TH	7:18-7:22
<p>10. Principal's Report (20 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enrollment - offers out to kindergarten spots, close to getting everyone in that applied</li> <li>● Staffing - no new hires this month</li> <li>● Student teachers will be taking more of an active role as they do their 10 week practicum in the last few months of school</li> <li>● Basketball - season almost done, senior girls in playoffs</li> <li>● Need a volunteers to help with the Book Fair</li> <li>● Pop choir is underway - they are having a lot of fun</li> <li>● Field trips - skating, Science World, totem carving(?)</li> <li>● Tennis section for 2 weeks during gym time for all classes, starting next week</li> <li>● Pickleball - getting some equipment and planned for gym time after tennis</li> <li>● Pink Shirt Day - assembly, songs by primary classes</li> <li>● BHM - feedback from the teachers was really supportive, want this speaker back again next year</li> <li>● Fire Drill &amp; Lock Down Drill - these went very well</li> <li>● VSB Superintendent visit Friday - will walk around with P and VP and PAC Chair</li> <li>● Student Council - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Colour Day last week</li> <li>○ Equipment purchase - wish list</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Indoor Spend Money</li> <li>● Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony - planning is starting and Aaron is putting together a student led organizing committee. Parents will support</li> <li>● Indigenous Mural on the retaining wall - Aaron connecting with artists to work on vision for the project. This will be a participatory project for the kids as well</li> <li>● Question about the chain on the Kitchener entrance - can it be modified to allow for easier pedestrian access</li> <li>● Admin decisions (principal) for next year will be made later this year</li> <li>● Coastal Health did an inspection recently - went well</li> <li>● Science World out of school program - free. Includes some field trips and at the school presentations - Nelson is under consideration, stay tuned.</li> </ul>	AS & HB	7:22-7:37

<p>11. Communications / Other items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pizza day - delayed delivery resulted in a discount that will be put towards something fun for the school community fully sponsored by the PAC. Stay tuned!</li> <li>● Pancake breakfast - one planned for this year (Lion's Club comes to run it, just need to provide the supplies)</li> <li>● Parent Social - there is an organizing committee and they need volunteers! Email <a href="mailto:nelsonparentsocial@gmail.com">nelsonparentsocial@gmail.com</a></li> <li>● Block party (formerly known as Carnival) - there is a organizing group for this as well - music, concession stand, prizes, prize wheel, jolly jar, cake walk</li> <li>● Zenmakerlab - STEAM after school program - 4 to 6 session weekly 3-430pm, paid program (\$45 per session), PAC will gage interest, need about 16 kids to run it</li> <li>● Saplings after school care - up and running</li> <li>● Movie Night - will organize another one for the spring, poll the kids for movie selection (from a provided shortlist - bee movie, mitchells against the machines, and boss baby)</li> <li>● <a href="https://van311.ca/services/traffic-and-pedestrian-signal">https://van311.ca/services/traffic-and-pedestrian-signal</a> or call 3-1-1 or use the VAN 311 app. Please take time to lodge a request for stop lights at Grant and Nanaimo, to make this crossing safer. We encourage everyone to write in, with enough attention the city will eventually address this issue. Could also comment on the installation of no-post barriers that narrow the street.</li> </ul>	<p>TH &amp; SH</p>	<p>7:37-7:50</p>